

December 29, 2020

Dear Red Hook Central School District Community:

The Red Hook Central School District received notification of **two positive COVID-19 results for students at Linden Avenue Middle School**. As a result, these individuals are currently isolated, and due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their Identity or condition cannot be released. We are working collaboratively with the Dutchess County Department of Health, and as always, the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority.

The students have not been in attendance since December 16th and December 18th; therefore, no contact tracing needed to be conducted by the school district based on date of test or onset of symptoms.

It is essential to let the District know of any positive cases.

Please continue to be vigilant with the guidelines below:

- **If your child shows any symptoms of COVID-19, it is essential that you keep your child home.**
- **If your child tests positive for COVID-19, families must notify the school so we can follow our contact tracing protocols.**
- **If you or a member of your family are COVID positive, or are awaiting test results, please keep your child home.**
- **If your child was exposed to COVID-19, keep your child home and contact your child's physician about testing and quarantine guidelines. In the event you are unable to see your child's healthcare provider, or your child does not have a healthcare provider, Pulse MD Urgent Care, located at 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY, is working with Red Hook Schools to enable the school district to book an appointment for your child for a virtual visit with one of their healthcare providers who will then determine if your child will need COVID-19 testing. Please check with your health insurance company prior to testing to be sure all costs are covered. If your child is not covered by health insurance, please discuss with the school nurse about how the school can aid with payment. The phone number for Pulse MD Urgent Care is (845) 243-7100.**

Thank you for your continued cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse or building administration.

Respectfully,

Janet Warden
Superintendent